## United States Army Brigade Commander Jacob Larkowich

Colonel 188<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade First Army Division East



Colonel Larkowich was commissioned in the United States Army as an Infantry Officer in 1998.

Colonel Larkowich served as a Rifle Platoon Leader and Rifle Company Executive Officer in both 1st Battalion, 24th Infantry Regiment in the 25th Infantry Division and in the 2nd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment. Following the Infantry Captains Career Course, he commanded a company in the 1st Battalion, 4th Infantry Regiment, US Army Europe's Opposing Force at the Joint Multinational Readiness Center in Hohenfels, Germany. Colonel Larkowich was then assigned to Headquarters. Department of the Army as a strategist in the Army's War Plans Division. Once complete with the Army's Command and General Staff College, he served as a Battalion Operations and Battalion Executive Officer in the 1st Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment and Brigade Operations Officer in the 1st Brigade, 10th Mountain Division. Colonel Larkowich was then assigned to the Australian School of Infantry where he served as an Exchange Instructor responsible for running reconnaissance, heavy weapons, sniper, and urban operations courses. Returning to the northern hemisphere, Colonel Larkowich commanded the 1st Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment in the 82nd Airborne Division at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina. He then served as a Maneuver Task Force and Brigade Senior Observer Coach/Trainer at the Joint Multinational Readiness Center. He has deployed three times to Afghanistan and once to Iraq.

His military schools consist of the Infantry Officer Basic Course, Infantry Captain's Career Course, Combined Arms Services and Staff School, Command and General Staff College, Ranger School, Airborne School, Jumpmaster Course, and Air Assault School.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Meritorious Unit Citation, Combat Infantryman Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, Ranger Tab, Senior Parachutist Badge, and Army Staff Identification Badge.